GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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Inoperative EPF Accounts
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the number of inoperative accounts with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) along with the total amount lying in those accounts, State/UT-wise;
(b)whether all the said accounts have a definite claimant;
(c)if so, the steps taken by the Government to facilitate payment to the rightful claimants; and
(d)the details of amount disbursed out of inoperative accounts during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): As on 31.03.2016, a total of 9,29,89,648 accounts have been classified as inoperative accounts and amount involved therein is Rs. 40,865.14 crore.
State/UT-wise details of amounts classified as inoperative accounts in Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) is at Annex-I.

(c): The following steps have been taken to facilitate payments to the rightful claimants:
(i) Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has allotted Universal Account Number (UAN) to its members which will enable to identify the members without intermediation of the employers;
(ii) Attestation by the bank authorities in those cases where employer is not available;
(iii) Online Grievance Redressal mechanism EPFiGMS is in place which redresses the claimants' grievances, if any, within 15 days; etc.
(d): The State/UT-wise details of amount disbursed out of inoperative accounts during the last three years is at Annex-II.
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